

REMARKS

Claims 3, 6-8, 14 and 16-37 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1 and 13 have been amended to clarify that the inner recesses are separated by bridge butts and that the inner radial bridges connect like poles of adjacent permanent magnets. These features are not disclosed in Takezawa as there is no disclosure of bridge butts, or that inner radial bridges adjoin like poles of two permanent magnets from different pairs of adjacent magnets. Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1 and 13 as amended is requested.

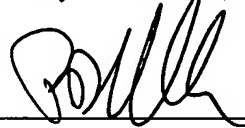
Claims 4, 5 and 9-12 ultimately depend from Claim 1 and are therefore allowable with Claim 1 without recourse to the further patentable limitations respectively recited therein.

Claim 15 has been amended to clarify the location of the outer recesses. This feature is not disclosed in Takezawa. Reconsideration and allowance of Claim 15 is requested.

With respect to the provisional double patenting rejection, if it is deemed necessary to file a terminal disclaimer following examination of all the claims of the current application as well as the cited applications, applicant will submit a terminal disclaimer.

The Office is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any issue relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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